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Mt. Olive M. E. Church and Morgan Charge Parsonage
Mt. Olive U. M. Church
Gillis Falls and Cabbage Spring Road

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Magi No.

DOE ☐ yes ☐ no

1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic Mt. Olive M. E. Church and Morgan Charge Parsonage

and/or common Mt. Olive U. M. Church

2. Location

street & number Gillis Falls Road and Cabbage Spring Road ☐ not for publicationcity, town Mt. Airy ☒ vicinity of congressional district

state Maryland county Carroll

3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use	
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input type="checkbox"/> occupied	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> museum
<input type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> unoccupied	<input type="checkbox"/> commercial	<input type="checkbox"/> park
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	<input type="checkbox"/> educational	<input type="checkbox"/> private residence
<input type="checkbox"/> site	Public Acquisition	Accessible	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> religious
<input type="checkbox"/> object	<input type="checkbox"/> in process	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<input type="checkbox"/> government	<input type="checkbox"/> scientific
	<input type="checkbox"/> being considered	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted	<input type="checkbox"/> industrial	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
	<input type="checkbox"/> not applicable	<input type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> other:

4. Owner of Property (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name Mt. Olive Methodist Church

street & number 2917 Gillis Falls Road telephone no.: 795-2304

city, town Woodbine state and zip code MD 21797

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Courthouse Annex liber

street & number 55 North Court Street folio

city, town Westminster state MD

6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title

date ☐ federal ☐ state ☐ county ☐ local

depository for survey records

city, town state

7. Description

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Condition

☐ excellent
☐ good
☒ fair

☐ deteriorated
☐ ruins
☐ unexposed

Check one

☐ unaltered
☒ altered

Check one

☒ original site
☐ moved date of move _____

Prepare both a summary paragraph and a general description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

Summary: Mt. Olive M. E. Church is located on the south side of Gillis Falls Road which curves around the building, at the intersection of Cabbage Spring Road, and is approximately 4 miles northeast of Mt. Airy. The church sits at the top of a steep ridge. It is a one-story, two-bay by three-bay frame building with a parged stone foundation, aluminum siding, and a gable roof of corrugated metal covering wood shingles. The church faces southeast and the roof ridge runs southeast-northwest. The southeast elevation has a new projecting gable-roofed vestibule, on a CMU foundation. Above the roof of the vestibule is a small projecting bell tower with a louvered metal box, a hip roof, and a cross on top. The northeast and southwest elevations are identical. All three bays have 1/1 sash with Queen Anne muntins. The smaller surrounding lights have colored glass. The original southeast elevation of the church. Above them is a five-light transom, with colored glass. On the northwest end is a raised dais with a semi-circular altar rail that has turned balusters and a square newel with a turned ball on top of it at each end. There is a cemetery southwest of the church. The stones are set diagonally in rows so they face due south. South of the church is the parsonage. It is a 2½-story, three-bay by two-bay frame foursquare with aluminum siding and an asphalt-shingled hip roof. The northeast elevation has a one-story porch across the entire front. The house has a central passage. There is a single room on the southeast, a room on the north, and another room to the west. At the southwest end of the passage is a pantry, with the kitchen to the southeast. The second story has a central passage with two rooms on each side and one across the back. Southwest of the house is a two-bay by one-bay, 1½-story garage. It has vertical, beaded-edge-and-center board siding and a gable roof with inverted-V-seam metal. The garage is built with a circular-sawn heavy timber frame

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church, now covered by the vestibule, has double four-panel doors, with sunken panels. Above them is a five-light transom, with colored glass. The exterior surround is identical to that in the interior.

The interior of the sanctuary is one large worship space, with a carpeted floor, wallpaper on the walls, and a flat plaster ceiling. The windows and door have a plain wood surround, with a pediment on the top that has a projecting beaded edge. The window surrounds are carried down to the baseboard, which is also plain. The loose pews are arranged in two columns, with a center aisle and a narrow aisle on each end. They are made of simple painted boards, with no ornamentation on the ends. There are eight pews to each side, and they probably originally were butted against the wall, because they now block part of the center aisle. On the northwest end is a raised dais with a semi-circular altar rail that has turned balusters and a square newel with a turned ball on top of it at each end. Behind the rail is an oak altar, and beyond it a raised podium that has a pulpit. The pulpit is of pine and has sunken panels with ogee panel moulds with a beaded interior edge. There are two oak chairs against the northwest wall, flanking the pulpit. They have a sunburst motif above the top rail. There are two short pews on either side of the dais, and they are turned to face the pulpit.

There is a cemetery southwest of the church. The stones are set diagonally in rows so they face due south.

South of the church is the parsonage. It is a 2½-story, three-bay by two-bay frame foursquare with aluminum siding and an asphalt-shingled hip roof. The house faces northeast, toward Gillis Falls Road. The northeast elevation has a one-story porch across the entire front. The porch has a half-hip roof with standing-seam metal, and new aluminum posts. The first story has a center entrance. This door has one light at the top, with two adjacent lying panels below it, then one lying panel, and two adjacent lying panels at the bottom. Flanking both sides is a window with a single large bottom sash and a stained-glass transom. The glass in the transom is clear, with a green and pink chevron in the center and vertical stripes on each side. The second story has three new 1/1 sash, but the center bay retains its stained glass transom that matches those below. There is a dormer with two single-light sash and a hip roof. The northwest elevation has, from north to west on the first story, a single 1/1 sash and paired 1/1 sash. The second story has two 1/1 sash, and the dormer matches that on the northeast. The southeast elevation has, on the first story, a recessed porch with a door on the south bay. This door has a lying panel at the top, a single light, and three lying panels at the bottom. There is a 1/1 sash in the east bay. The second story has two 1/1 sash, and the dormer matches the others.

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There is a one-story, hip-roof wing attached to the south bay of the southwest elevation. The southeast elevation of this wing has a 1/1 sash to the south, and a recessed porch to the east that is integral with the porch of the main block. The wing has a 1/1 sash set back within the porch. The northwest elevation of this wing has one 1/1 sash. The southwest elevation of the house has three 1/1 sash on the second story. The first story has a 1/1 sash to the west, with two 1/1 sash in the wing. There is also a hip-roofed addition attached to the wing. This addition has a new flush door to the cellar, and a four-light sash.

The house has a central passage with a two-run stair along the southwest and southeast walls of the passage. The closed stringer stairs have simple turned balusters, each with four rings in the center. The square newel post has a ball on the top, and there is a moulded oak hand rail. There are new double doors to the southeast, in an original opening, into a single room on the southeast. There is a double width opening on the northwest wall into a room on the north. This room has a chimney in the south corner. There is another room to the west, also with a double width opening. At the southwest end of the passage is a pantry, with the kitchen to the southeast. The kitchen has a chair rail, with beaded-edge wood wainscot below it. There is a cellar with parged walls under the southeast half of the house only. The first-story joists are 2" x 9 $\frac{3}{4}$ " and are circular-sawn. The second story has a central passage with two rooms on each side and one across the back. The rafters are 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ " x 5 $\frac{1}{2}$ " and are circular-sawn and nailed. They support board sheathing. The chimney in the north room does not pass through the roof. The window and door surrounds have bulls-eye corner blocks. The surrounds have two astragals running down the center, with an ogee moulding on each side. The baseboards have an astragal at the top, with an ogee below it. All corners of the baseboards have a corner block topped by a finial.

Southwest of the house is a two-bay by one-bay, 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ -story garage. It has vertical, beaded-edge-and-center board siding and a gable roof with inverted-V-seam metal and a ridge running northwest-southeast. The garage is built with a circular-sawn heavy timber frame with pegged mortise-and-tenon joints. The joists are 2 x 6 and are sawn. There is a new CMU foundation. The northeast elevation has a pair of doors on rollers in the north bay and a six-light sash in the east bay. The southeast elevation has a six-light sash in the gable end and the northwest elevation has large double doors in the gable end. The southwest elevation has a boarded-up window.

8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below			
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Specific dates

Builder/Architect

check: Applicable Criteria: ☐ A ☐ B ☒ C ☐ D
and/or

Applicable Exception: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D ☐ E ☐ F ☐ G

Level of Significance: ☐ national ☐ state ☒ local

Prepare both a summary paragraph of significance and a general statement of history and support.

Summary: Mt. Olive Church purchased the land for its building on 13 December 1870. The church was clearly standing by 1877. It was noted in 1881, in The Methodist, that "the building at Mt. Olive has been completed and remodeled." Local history records that Wesley Harrison and William Henry Gosnell were responsible for building the first and present church buildings, but there is no record of when the first church may have been replaced. When the Morgan Charge was created in 1909. The four churches in the Morgan Charge, Mt. Olive, Morgan Chapel, Watersville, and West Falls, formed a committee to build a new parsonage. The house and floor plan bear a striking resemblance to Modern Home No. 102, "The Hamilton", advertised in the 1908 Sears, Roebuck and Co. Modern Homes catalogue. It is possible that the building committee used this plan as a model for the parsonage, and hired a local builder to executive it, but it is more likely that they purchased the house kit, hauled it to the site and constructed it.

Geographic Organization: Piedmont

Chronological/Development Period: Industrial-Urban Dominance A.D. 1870-1930

Historic Period Themes: Architecture, Religion

Resource Types: Church, Rural Vernacular

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In the early days, there was a high pulpit in the church and no railing - just a bench called a "mourner's bench". There was a back door in the west

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corner of the church which was later made into a window. There were oil lamps in brackets on the walls, and two or three hanging lamps from the ceiling. The wood-burning stove was about in the center of the church in the aisle, and the stovepipe went up and across to the wall on the roadside. Later, this was changed to an oil-burning heater which was on the right side of the church. Electric replaced that heater in 1975.

The church was electrified in 1930. The vestibule was added to the church in 1963. Though it is very simple and plain in design, the church retains its integrity inside, primarily because so little has been added to it. Even the simple original pews survive. A community hall was built in 1921, but it has since been subsumed by later additions.

When the Morgan Charge was created in 1909, the old parsonage at Taylorsville became the parsonage for the Winfield Charge. The four churches in the Morgan Charge, Mt. Olive, Morgan Chapel, Watersville, and West Falls, formed a committee to build a new parsonage. Land next to Mt. Olive Church was purchased from Upton and Effie Henry for \$175.00. The local history notes that the lumber was cut from the farm of Joseph Wagner and that church members hauled it to the mill and then to the site by horse and wagon. The house and floor plan bear a striking resemblance to Modern Home No. 102, "The Hamilton", advertised in the 1908 Sears, Roebuck and Co. Modern Homes catalogue. The Sear's description notes: "This square house is easy to build, as the design is simple. It affords a great deal of room and has a good appearance for the amount of money invested." The cost was between \$1,023 and \$2,385. It is possible that the building committee used this plan as a model for the parsonage, and hired a local builder to execute it, but it is more likely that they purchased the house kit, hauled it to the site and constructed it.

9. Major Bibliographical References

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1862 & 1877 maps

"From Whence Cometh Mt. Olive United Methodist Church?" Jean Hemter. typescript

"Highlights of Mt. Olive History". Etta Gosnell Shipley and Beatrice Gosnell Shipley Kolb. typescript

Houses by Mail, Katherine Cole Stevenson and H. Ward Jandl. Preservation Press, 1986, pp. 24, 264

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property _____

Quadrangle name Winfield

Quadrangle scale 1:24000

UTM References do NOT complete UTM references

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Verbal boundary description and justification

List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries

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11. Form Prepared By

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organization Carroll County Planning Department

date July 13, 1993

street & number 225 North Center Street

telephone (410) 857-2145

city or town Westminster

state MD

The Maryland Historic Sites Inventory was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 supplement.

The survey and inventory are being prepared for information and record purposes only and do not constitute any infringement of individual property rights.

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Annapolis, Maryland 21401
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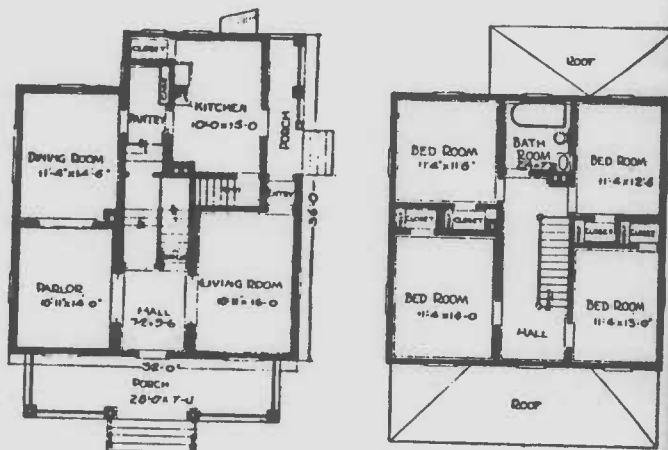
This square house is easy to build, as the design is simple. It affords a great deal of room and has a good appearance for the amount of money invested. Built in many places and is giving general satisfaction.

Details and features: Eight rooms and one bath. Full-width front porch with hipped roof supported by columns; hipped-gable dormer in front. Sliding doors between hall and parlor and living room.

Years and catalog numbers: 1908 (102, 150); 1911 (102, 150); 1912 (102, 150); 1913 (102, 150); 1916 (264P102, 264P150); 1917 (C102, C150); 1918 (102, 150)

Price: \$1,023 to \$2,385

Locations: New Haven and Norfolk, Conn.; Glencoe and Rockford, Ill.; Grand Rapids, Mich.; Belleville and Berlin, N.J.; Mingo Junction and Shelby, Ohio; Plainview, Tex.; Bedford City, Va.

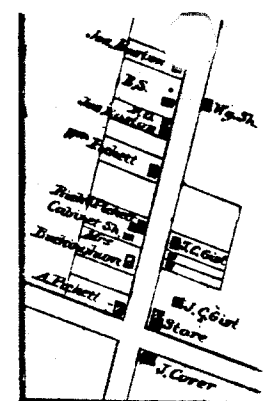


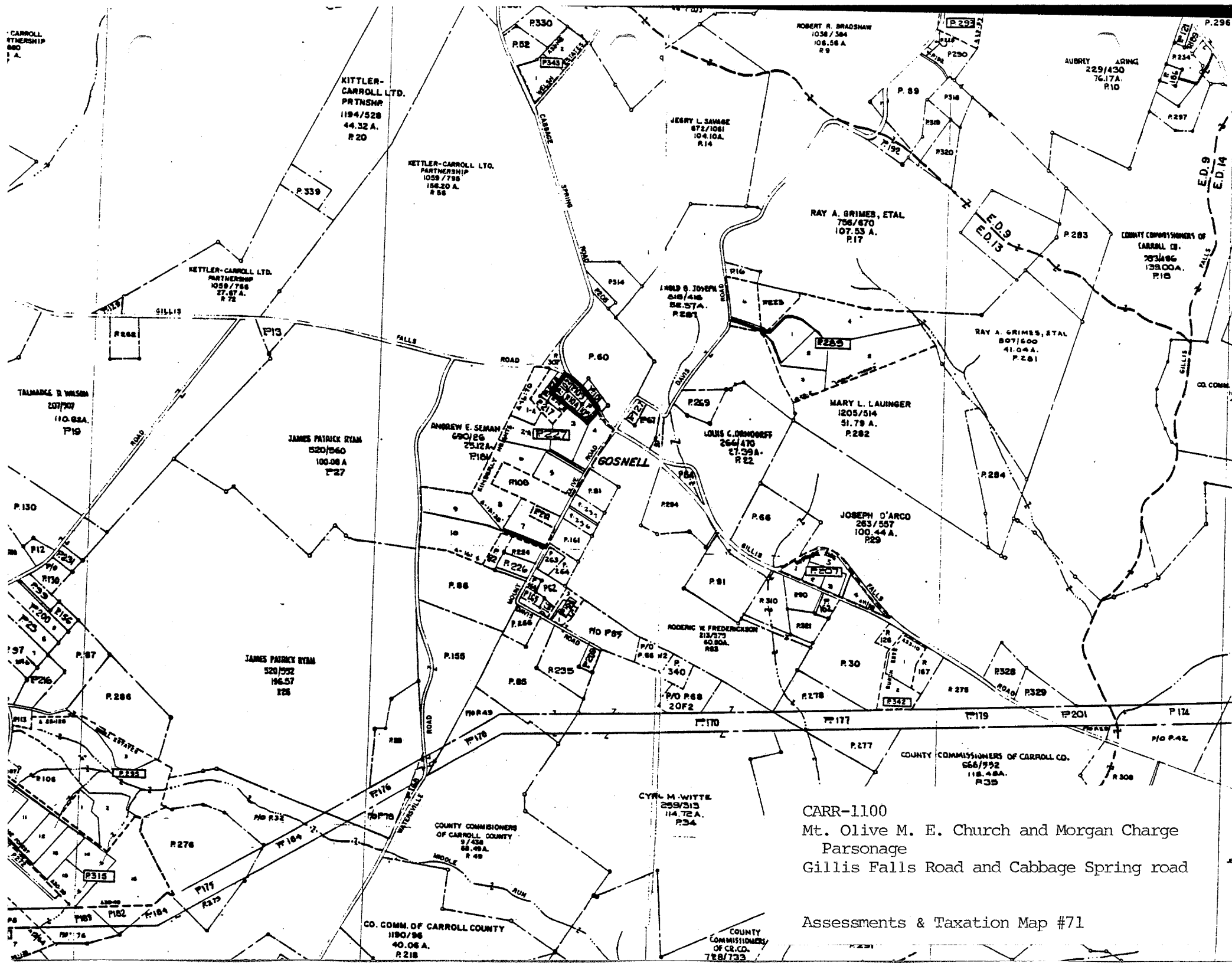


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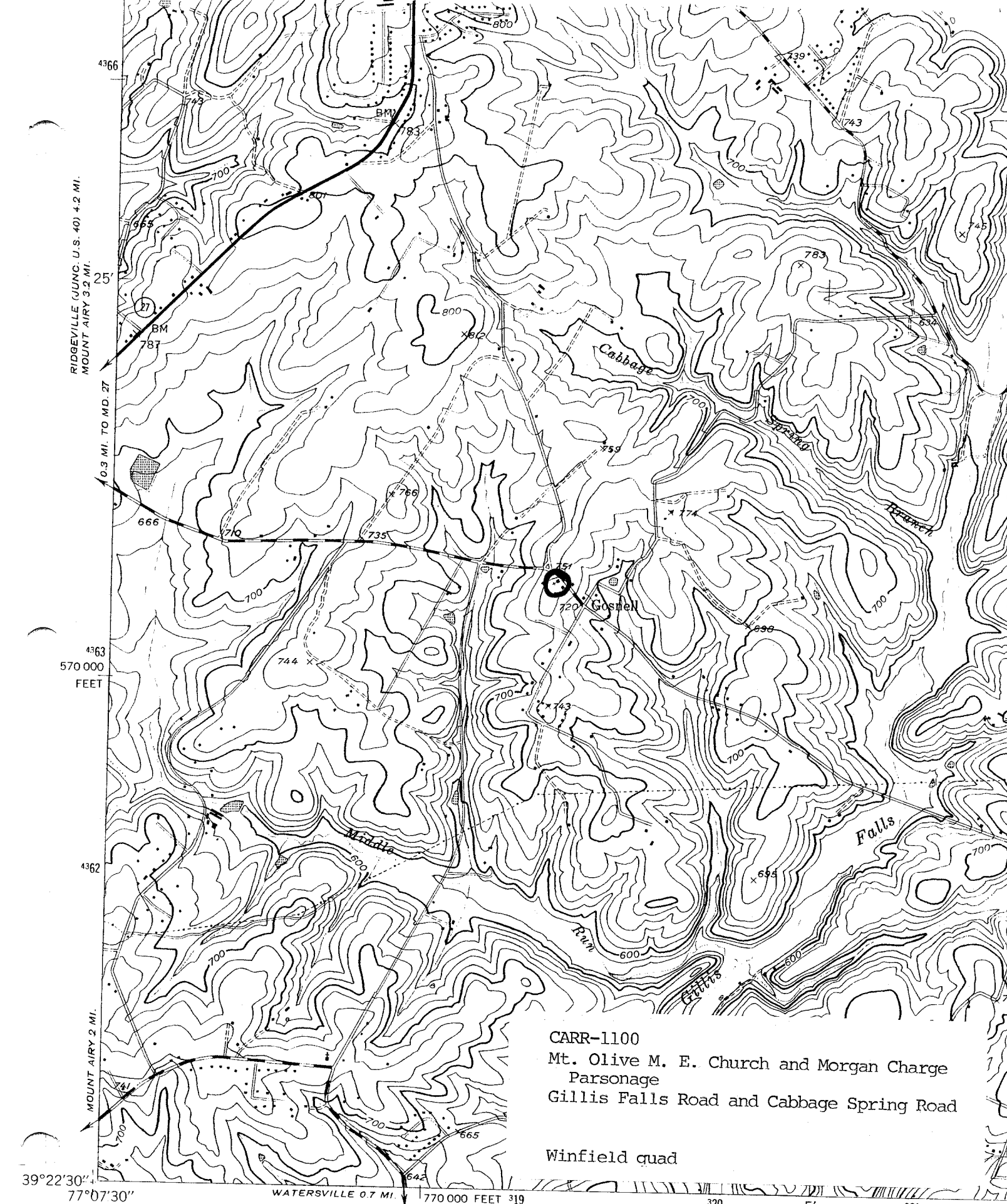
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Winfield quad

Maped by U.S. Forest Service
Edited and published by the Geological Survey
Control by USGS, USC&GS, USFS, and USSCS
Topography from aerial photographs by KEK plotter 1944





Mt. Olive M.E. Church and the great large picture
Gillis Falls Road

Carroll County, Maryland

Photo: Kenneth M. Short

Date: March 1993

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Southeast : northeast elevations

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Mt. Olive M.E. Church and the Rev. Charge Parsonage
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interior - view northwest



mt. Olive M.E. Church - Morgan Charge Parsonage
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Carroll County, Maryland

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Date: April 1993

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Parsonage - northeast ; northwest elevations

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Mt. Olive M E. Church : Morgan Charge
Parsonage

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Parsonage - Stairway

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Mt. Olive M.E. Church : Morgan Charge Parsonage

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Parsonage - baseboard